

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

TABITHA HARDY,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:24-cv-0171-MTS
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FRANK BISIGNANO, <i>Commissioner</i>)	
<i>of the Social Security Administration,</i>)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

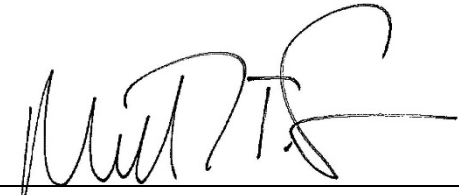
This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, Doc. [20]. Plaintiff asks to be awarded \$5,095.03 for 20.2 hours of attorney time. Defendant has no objection. Doc. [22]. The Court will award Plaintiff \$5,095.03 to be paid by the Social Security Administration. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2412. This amount is subject to any allowable offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff owes to the United States. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If Plaintiff owes no outstanding debt to the United States that can be offset, the EAJA award is to be paid and sent directly to Plaintiff's attorney. *See* Doc. [21-3]. If Plaintiff owes an outstanding debt to the United States, and such debt is subject to offset, Defendant shall offset the debt and send the remainder (if any) of the award to Plaintiff's attorney.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees, Doc. [20], is **GRANTED**. EAJA fees and expenses in the amount of \$5,095.03 shall be paid by the

Social Security Administration in accordance with the EAJA and this Memorandum and Order.

Dated this 16th day of June 2025.



MATTHEW T. SCHELP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE